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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated December 6, 2005, in the above-identified application.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application for one month. Please charge any fees due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Without prejudice or disclaimer, applicants have cancelled claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, and 12, mooting this rejection. Thus, the rejection of claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, and 12 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Kawate et al. should be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawate et al.

Without prejudice or disclaimer, applicants have cancelled claims 2, 3, 7, 10, and 11, mooting this rejection as to those claims. As to claims 13 and 14, the Examiner has not shown how Kawate describes, teaches, or suggests all of the elements of these method claims. For example, amended claim 13, *inter alia*, requires sealing a plurality of chip-type devices at one time. The Examiner has not shown where Kawate describes, teaches, or suggests this method.

Thus, the rejection of claims 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 14 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawate et al. has been mooted in part and overcome in part and should be withdrawn..

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 13-24, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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